

Senate Resolution 532

By: Senators Shafer of the 48th, Chapman of the 3rd, Thomas of the 2nd, Staton of the 18th, Weber of the 40th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the American Red Cross and proclaiming March, 2007, American Red Cross
2 Month; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the American Red Cross plays a vital humanitarian role in Georgia and is the
4 organization through which tens of thousands of our caring citizens give freely of their time,
5 talent, money, and blood to help alleviate human suffering and save lives throughout our
6 state, nation, and world; and

7 WHEREAS, the Red Cross collaborates with Georgia's emergency planning community to
8 respond to disasters of all types; and in 2006, it provided clothing, shelter, first aid, health
9 care and counseling to more than 4,500 Georgia families following 3,300 disasters such as
10 home fires, floods, and tornadoes, while continuing to help the many Gulf Coast families
11 who are rebuilding their lives in our state following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; and

12 WHEREAS, the Red Cross is saving lives in Georgia every day; and in 2006, Red Cross
13 Blood Services collected more than 300,800 pints of blood from Georgia blood donors, who
14 in turn saved up to 902,000 lives through their selfless generosity; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2006, Red Cross training in programs such as first aid, CPR, use of an AED,
16 and water safety gave more than 188,000 of our citizens the confidence and skills they need
17 to respond to life threatening emergencies; and

18 WHEREAS, as part of its humanitarian mission, the Red Cross provides the only world-wide
19 communications link between service members and their loved ones; and in 2006, the Red
20 Cross helped 20,700 of Georgia's military families send emergency messages, get financial
21 assistance, find counseling, and get referrals and briefed 42,700 family members on services
22 available to them; and

1 WHEREAS, although the Red Cross is not a government agency, it collaborates closely with
2 Georgia's emergency planning community to prepare for and respond to emergencies of all
3 types and leads the way in helping Georgia's families become safer, healthier, and better
4 prepared to face the unexpected – natural and manmade disasters or the threat of pandemic
5 influenza; and

6 WHEREAS, it is fitting that this body recognize the contributions of American Red Cross
7 members across the State of Georgia, including those who are visiting the capitol on March
8 28, 2007.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
10 join the President of the United States, the Governor of Georgia, and government officials
11 across the country in proclaiming March, 2007, American Red Cross Month and call upon
12 all citizens to support and honor this organization and recognize its proud heritage of service.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
14 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the American Red Cross.